regulation of the waterways other than national waterways is the responsibility of the respective State Government. Development of basic Inland Water Transport infrastructure on three national waterways is being done by Inland Waterways Authority of India through grants provided by Central Government.

For encouraging State Government to develop inland water transport, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) is in force, under which, 100% grant to North-Eastern States including Sikkim and 90% grant to the other States is provided. Under this scheme, survey/studies, waterway development, navigational aids, terminal facilities, supervision and consultancy for taking up and monitoring of these activities can be undertaken by the respective States.

(c) This scheme (CSS) is applicable to all the States and Union Territories of the country.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. A project proposal for conductiong hydrographic survey of Mapusa, Chapora and Sal rivers was received from the State Government of Goa. This project has been sanctioned by the Central Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 109.08 lakhs.

Road bridge across Godavari

1002. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Road Safety Forum has represented for the need for a Survey by Government and the NHAI for a Third road bridge across the River Godavari above Kovvur-Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the specific reasons cited by the Road Safety Forum in making this demand;

(c) what are the reasons cited by NHAI for not doing this survey;

(d) whether NHAI would try to meet the demand of the public in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To decongest the traffic in the Districts of West and East Godavari between the towns of Kovvur and Rajahmundry across the river Godavari.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways is responsible for maintenance and development of National Highways. Since, the proposal is not on National Highway, it is for the State Government to take appropriate action.

Accidents on Highways

1003. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of accidents on Highways in States is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the number of such accidents that occurred during the last three years in the country and Rajasthan, year-wise;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured in the country and Rajasthan, year-wise;

(d) whether the number of road accidents is on the increase due to rash driving, over loading untrained driving, drunken driving, driving without valid license, etc.;

(e) if so, whether Government have taken certain measures to prevent such accidents in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) As reported by the respective States/UT Governments, the details of number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured on National Highways in the country and Rajasthan during the years 2001, 2002 & 2003 are as under:—

Year	Road Accident		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	All India	Rajasthan	All India	Rajasthan	All India	Rajasthan
2001	115824	7465	32108	245511	19592(P)	9621
2002	131738	7214	33621	2535	132307	10078
2003	127834	7515	33153	2615	131102	10613

P=Provisional